



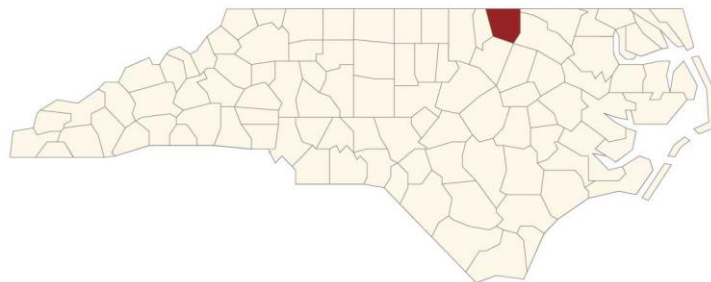
On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Warren County

Warren County received more than \$12 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Warren County total.



**Water/Sewer Grants:**

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**Small Business Jobs:**

**10**



**Appliances rebated:**

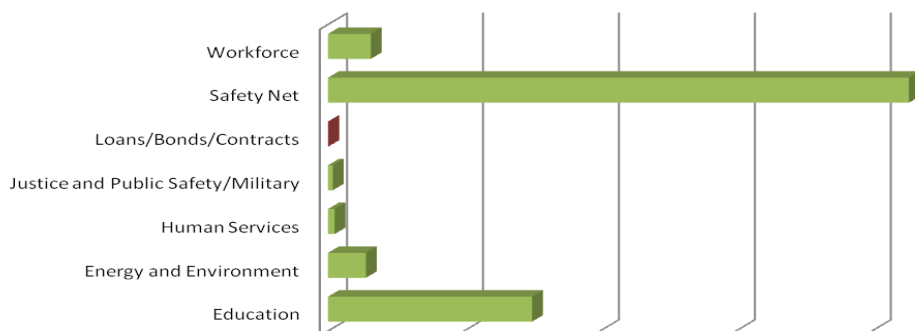
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**Green Economy Grants:**

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### Warren County Totals



Sum of Prime Awards Sum of Sub-Awards Sum of Loans/Bonds

**Warren County,**  
pop 20,972 at a glance:

**Recovery Act Totals:**

Grants: \$12,902,273

Loans: \$7,500

**Total: \$12,909,773**



## Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

**Warren County schools** received \$3.6 million in education funding, including \$629,053 in Special Education funds, \$872,580 million in Title I funds, \$1.5 million in SFSF funds, and \$533,975 in Race to the Top funding.



## Family Assistance

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

**Warren County** retailers sold 18 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



## Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

**In Warren County** 1 small business received an SBA loan guarantees worth almost \$14,810. According to the small business receiving this loan, the Recovery Act saved or created 10 jobs.



## Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

**In X County**, \$10,039 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



## Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

**Warren County** received \$70,294 in JAG funding.



## Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

**In Warren County**, the Warren County Government received \$370,000 in water and sewer grants.



## Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

**Warren County** residents received \$5.3 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$2.0 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$1.1 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

## Warren County Feature Story

### Warren County Renovated Historic Buildings with Recovery Funds

The Department of Energy used a portion of their Recovery funds to grant to the North Carolina Department of Energy, within the North Carolina Department of Commerce, around \$100 million for various energy programs. One of the primary goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was to assist in the creation of a 21<sup>st</sup> century green economy.



The North Carolina Green Business Fund (GBF) was an existing program within the North Carolina Department of Commerce. The fund is a discretionary grant program, designed to encourage small businesses with fewer than 100 employees to develop commercial innovations and applications and to strengthen the North Carolina economy. Ten million dollars of ARRA-SEP funds were allocated to the GBF through the American Recovery and Reinvestment act via the U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program (SEP). The Fund has awarded grants to 47 new and emerging small businesses in North Carolina to help them use energy and resources more efficiently and cut utility costs so dollars can be focused on growing the businesses to create and retain jobs. The grants were awarded after a competitive review process, including qualification under federal Department of Energy funding criteria.



108 South Main Street, LLC successfully applied for Recovery funds to renovate the vacant historic Bank of Warrenton in the center of Warrenton, North Carolina. The building was originally built in 1906. Since the Bank closed, the building has subsequently housed a barber shop, a hardware store, a home decorator shop, and storage space. At the time of the application, the building was abandoned and had been vacant for years, and was contributing to downtown blight in Warrenton.

The Main Street Project received more than \$130,000 from the Green Business Fund to renovate the obsolete and inefficient heating, cooling, and lighting systems within the building with highly efficient HVAC and lighting systems and solar hot water.

Once renovated and occupied by new businesses, the building will help to transform the community and lead downtown revitalization efforts. The new building will serve as home to three new green businesses: *Warren Foodworks*, a local foods incubator specializing in value-added processing, will provide community infrastructure and a downtown gathering spot in a cafe area; *Working Landscapes*, a new nonprofit designed to help build healthy and vibrant rural communities through civic engagement, place-based economic development, and sustainable resource management; and *Community Voice Consulting*. The building will also create additional rental space that will spur further business development, and offer studio apartments for rent.

Once the historic space is renovated, the Main Street Project will hold a series of workshops to educate more than 140 small business owners, targeting small town and minority business owners, about energy efficiency. The project will create a documentary film on the renovation of the space, and made available to the NC Rural Center's Building Reuse program and the NC Indian Economic Development Initiative. The project will also host attendees that visit to learn about the site and the benefits of small town redevelopment and green building renovation. These workshops will train an estimated 40 participants.

The renovation is complete, and the education and outreach workshops started in November 2011.

## Appendix, Warren County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role <sup>i</sup>	Prime Amount <sup>ii</sup>	Unique Sub Awards <sup>iii</sup>	Loans
	Bonds		P			\$0.00
<b>Administration for Children and Families</b>	ARRA - Child Care and Development Block Grant	Warren, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$98,133.40	\$0.00
<b>Department of Agriculture</b>	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$2,083,406.82	
<b>Department of Energy</b>	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Warren, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$182,933.00	\$0.00
<b>Department of Health and Human Services</b>	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Warren County Senior Center	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States	Warren County Senior Center	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Department of Justice</b>	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories	Norlina, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$19,879.02	\$0.00
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		Warrenton, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$15,268.00	\$0.00
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<b>Department of Labor</b>	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$5,312,306.36	
<b>Environmental Protection Agency</b>	Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	Warren, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$371,030.00	\$0.00
<b>Food and Nutrition Service</b>	Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	Warren County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$27,444.87	\$0.00
<b>Idaho Operations Office</b>	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P		\$2,800.00	\$0.00
<b>Office of Elementary and Secondary Education</b>	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Haliwa Saponi Tribal School	S	\$0.00	\$81,566.00	\$0.00
		Warren County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$1,486,251.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Warren County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$533,975.00	\$0.00
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Haliwa Saponi Tribal School	S	\$0.00	\$56,925.00	\$0.00
		Warren County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$815,655.00	\$0.00
<b>Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services</b>	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Haliwa Saponi Tribal School	S	\$0.00	\$29,347.00	\$0.00
		Warren County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$599,706.00	\$0.00
<b>Small Business Administration</b>	Loans	A & S Pest Control Inc	L			\$7,500.00
<b>SSA</b>	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$1,150,500.00	

<b>Grand Total</b>	\$0.00	\$12,902,273.49	\$7,500.00
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<sup>i</sup> Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

<sup>ii</sup> Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to [www.federalreporting.gov](http://www.federalreporting.gov)

<sup>iii</sup> Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.